Puyallup School District’s New Parent Portal

Taking care of students & honoring parent/guardian preferences
Forgotten Lunch or Lunch Money…
What do we do?

*Important Considerations to Any Approach*

- **Student Welfare**
  - Severe Food Allergies
  - Dietary Health Issues (e.g. Diabetic, Endocrine Disorders, etc.)
  - Anti-shaming
  - Student performance

- **Parental Rights and Authority**
  - Control over Personal Finances
  - Student Discipline
  - Family Religious and Other Dietary Observances
  - Communicate with school and/or student

- **Compliance with Law**
Puyallup School District’s Solution: Parent Portal

- **Parent Directed** consent process to ensure our student needs are addressed when they come to school unprepared for meals. Our newly created parent portal process honors parents’/guardians’ directives and provides staff direction in meal lines so that we may care for our student’s needs in a discrete and thoughtful way.
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Key Benefits:

• Gives Parents/Guardians Control and Options:
  • Customized parent direction for each student
  • Opportunity to set own charge limits for each student or disallow meal charges
  • Parent/guardian may request direct communications with their student, giving them direct knowledge and input at the time of meal service
  • Provides families a no-charge emergency meal alternative option, with predetermined, contents/ingredients
  • Opportunity to change consent as student’s needs change.
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Key Benefits Continued:

• Minimizes Student Health Risks
• Respects Individual Religious/Cultural Values
• Curbs Uncollectable Debt from Unauthorized Meal Charges
• Complies with the intent of HB 2610/RCW 28A.235.270
Next Steps

• Send a customized email communication to each parent/guardian with a custom link to their student’s meal account
• Parent clicks on the parent portal link within their customized email, selects the appropriate option for their student, and submits it via the portal
• The parent response loads directly into our school lunch software system.
• At some time in the future, if a student comes through the meal line with insufficient funds, a pop-up window informs the food server of the parent’s consent and directs the meal servers action(s) at that point.
• Parents can change their directives at any point using the same link. The software archives all previous parent choices and sustains the parent electronic consent signatures.
Questions